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For: REMOTE NEGOTIATION APPARATUS

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR § 1.56, there is hereby provided certain information which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the subject application.

1. Enclosures accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement are:

- 1a. ☒ Form PTO-1449.
- 1b. ☒ Copies of IDS citations.
- 1c. ☐ An English language copy of search report(s) from a counterpart foreign application or a PCT International Search Report.
- 1d. ☒ English language translation (abstracts only) attached to each non-English language publication.
- 1e. ☒ Explanations of Relevancy of References (ATTACHMENT 1(e), hereto) for providing a concise explanation of each non-English publication.
- 1f. ☒ List of Copending Applications (ATTACHMENT 1(f), hereto).

2. ☒ In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98, a concise explanation of what is presently understood to be the relevance of each non-English language publication is

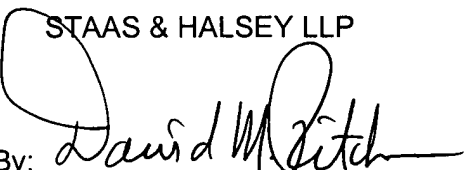
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- 2b. ☒ set forth in the application.

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- 2d. ☐ enclosed as Attachment 1(e), hereto.
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**ATTACHMENT 1(e)**

<b>EXPLANATIONS OF RELEVANCY OF REFERENCES</b>	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 725.1166	APPLICATION NO. Unassigned
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**ATTACHMENT 1(f)**

<b>LIST OF COPENDING APPLICATIONS</b>	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	APPLICATION NO.
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The following, prior-filed, copending U.S. patent application(s) is/are listed in accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR § 1.56, so that the Examiner may consider same should he deem any thereof to be material to examination of the subject application. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the identified copending application(s) is provided.

It is requested that the Examiner acknowledge his consideration of application(s) below-listed by initialling same in the space provided adjacent each such application and that the Examiner sign and date this form at the bottom thereof to confirm such consideration having been given.

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\* TITLE: REMOTE NEGOTIATION APPARATUS, REMOTE NEGOTIATION METHOD, AND PROGRAM